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Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on December 4, 2006, Applicants provide a substitute Listing Of The Claims, wherein the claims now have the proper status identifiers. It is submitted that this Response is timely filed, since the Amendment and Response submitted on September 20, 2006 was in reply to a Non-Final Office Action.

The Listing Of The Claims starts on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 16 of this document.

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